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During the Fourth Conference of the Cooperative Farms (TKZS), strong criticism was directed at the Government and the Party for their management of the interests of the TKZS. Special attention was drawn to a number of TKZS, where the total daily income, in cash and kind, ranged from 6.74 to 12.54 leva. The current cost of one kilogram of flour is five leva. During the Conference, it was stated that the average daily wages of a TKZS member

Conference, it was stated that the average daily wages of a TKZS member during 1953 and 1954 had been only three leva. The critic who brought up this point then asked "Where is the Government which pretends to be looking after its citisens?"

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2. Todor Zhivkov, first secretary of the Central Committee; Stanko Georgiev Todorov, Minister of Agriculture; and Tano Tsolov, Minister of Heavy Industry, made biting speeches against the proposals of the majority of the Central Committee members and of the executive of the TKZS. They opposed the suggestion of Premier Vulko Cherrenkov to reduce the income of those TKZS members who work "outside" (officer, officials, or Party functionaries). Such members have been receiving 104 leva monthly from the TKZS of which they are members, although they have not worked at the TKZS or participated in its activities. The speeches of these three Central Committee members, which were not reported in the press, were interrupted by continuous interjections, a procedure unheard of in Bulgaria.

3. The Conference finally decided to pay no more than 15-20 leva monthly to TKZS members who do not work on their TKZS. Each TKZS, in accordance with its financial position, will determine the exact salary; however, this freedom of choice leaves the issue open to controversy and misunderstanding. Government officials who are interested in extra salaries will certainly arrange for the defeat of this Conference resolution.

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١.	Open disagreement betw	een Chervenkov and Peko Takov, pre- ion, was evident during the Confer	sident of the	
	intermented Takovis so	eech several times and accused the	latter of falsifving	
	the truth. Chervenkov	took on the role as defender of the	he peasants and	
	charged Takov with the	responsibility for the setbacks of	f the TKZS. Takov,	
	a member of the Partis	an's movement, has the support of	a large number of	
	Communists who were no	t educated in the USSR.		
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